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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 6, 2006, the time for response being extended by separate paper, the Examiner is kindly requested to consider the following amendments and comments:

**Amendments to the claims** begin at page 2; and

**Remarks** begin at page 6.